

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Length of Stay of Children's Services Clients: FY1996 – FY2001

This is the second in a series of PIPs that provide information on the duration of service for people served by treatment programs at community mental health agencies in Vermont during FY1996 through FY2001. This week's installment presents information on the length of time since admission for clients served by Children's Services programs during this time period.

As you will see, the majority of people served by Children's Services programs in Vermont during these years had been admitted during the year in which they were served, and more than three quarters of the people served had been admitted during the service year or the previous year. Very few of the people served had been admitted to treatment more than five years earlier. It is interesting to note, that on a statewide basis, the total number of people served by Children's Services programs remained constant during 1996 through 1998, and then increased by more than 20% between 1998 and 2001.

At the local provider level, there were substantial differences in the length of stay of people served during this time period. In Addison County, for instance, 9% to 13% of the people served by the children's services program had been admitted more than five years earlier (long-term clients), while less than half that proportion (2% to 5%) of the people served by the children's services program in Bennington County had been admitted more than five years earlier. The proportion of service recipients who had been admitted during their service year (short-term clients) varied from 68% in Bennington during 2000 to 31 % in Lamoille during 1999 and 32% in Addison during 1997.

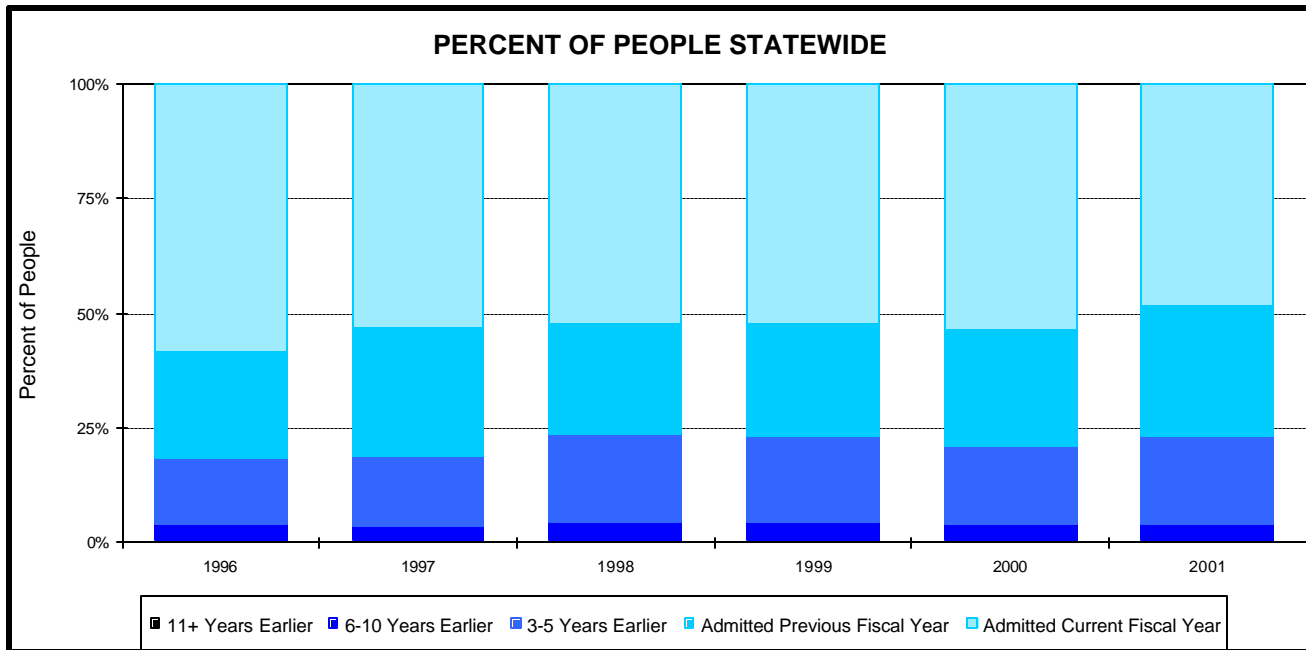
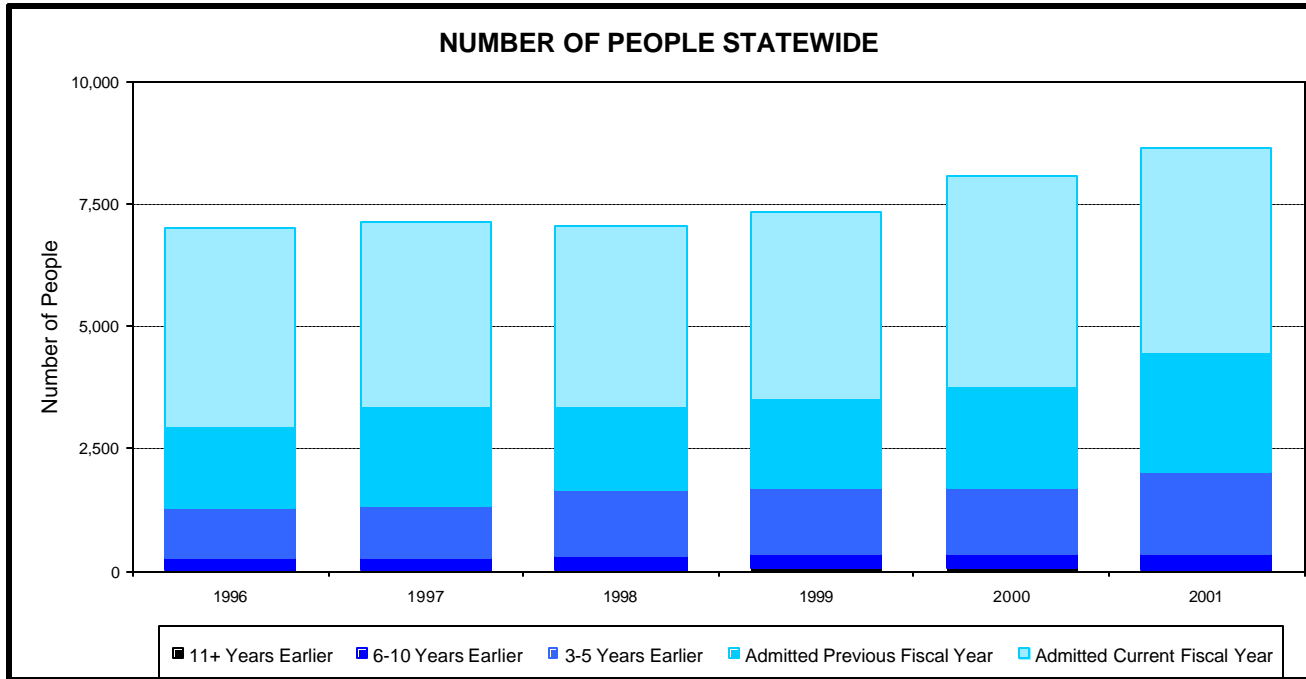
There were also very different patterns among Children's Services Programs in terms of the number of people served each year during 1996 through 2001. The Howard Center for Human Services in Chittenden County, the Clara Martin Center in Orange County, and United Counseling Services in Bennington experienced fairly consistent caseload growth during this period. The Children's Services caseload at Clara Martin grew by 92% during 1996-2001, the caseload at Howard grew by 61% and the caseload at Bennington grew by 34%. Three programs experienced caseload decreases during 1996-1998 followed by increases during 1999-2001. These include Northwest Counseling which experienced a net caseload increase of

60% for the period as a whole, Washington County which experienced a net growth of 18%, and Northeast which experienced a net growth of 17%. Three programs reported serving fewer people in their Children's Services program during 2001 than they had during 1996.

We look forward to your comments regarding the source of the observed variation. Do these data reflect real changes in caseload size, do they reflect changes in record keeping conventions, or do they reflect some combination of the two? Please send your comments and questions to pip@ddmhs.state.vt.us or call 802-241-2638.

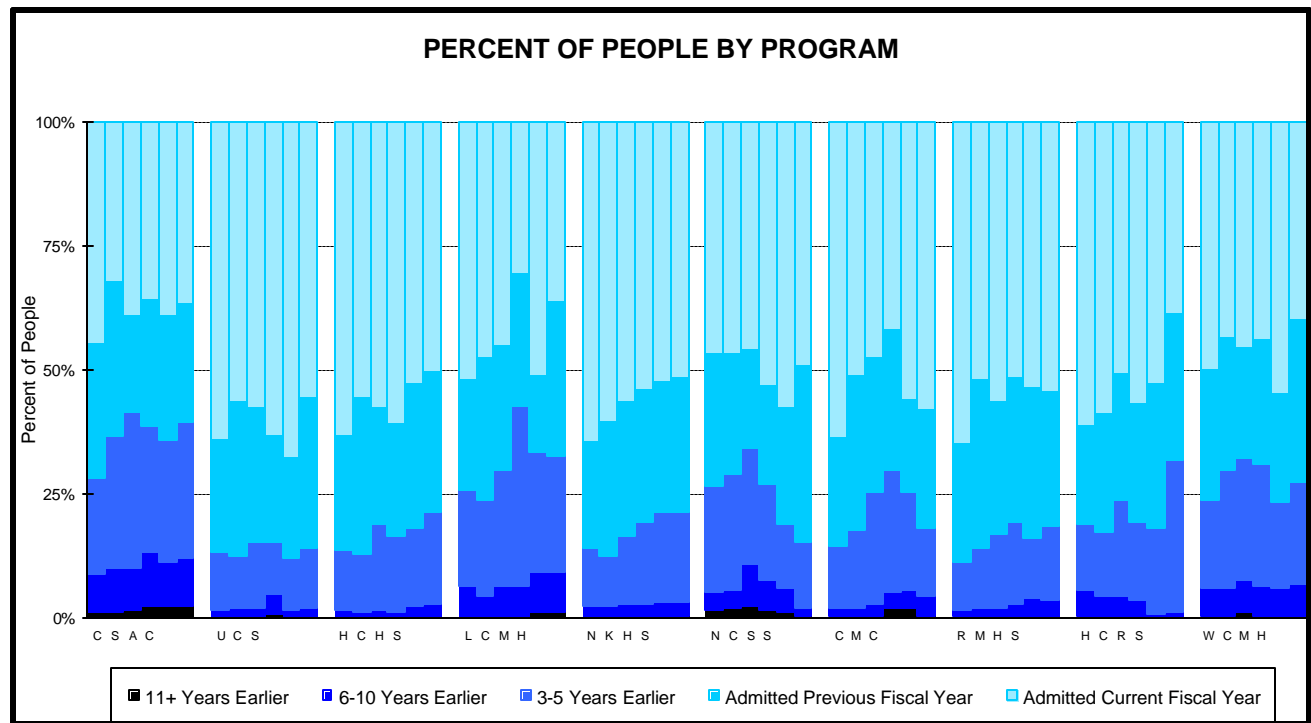
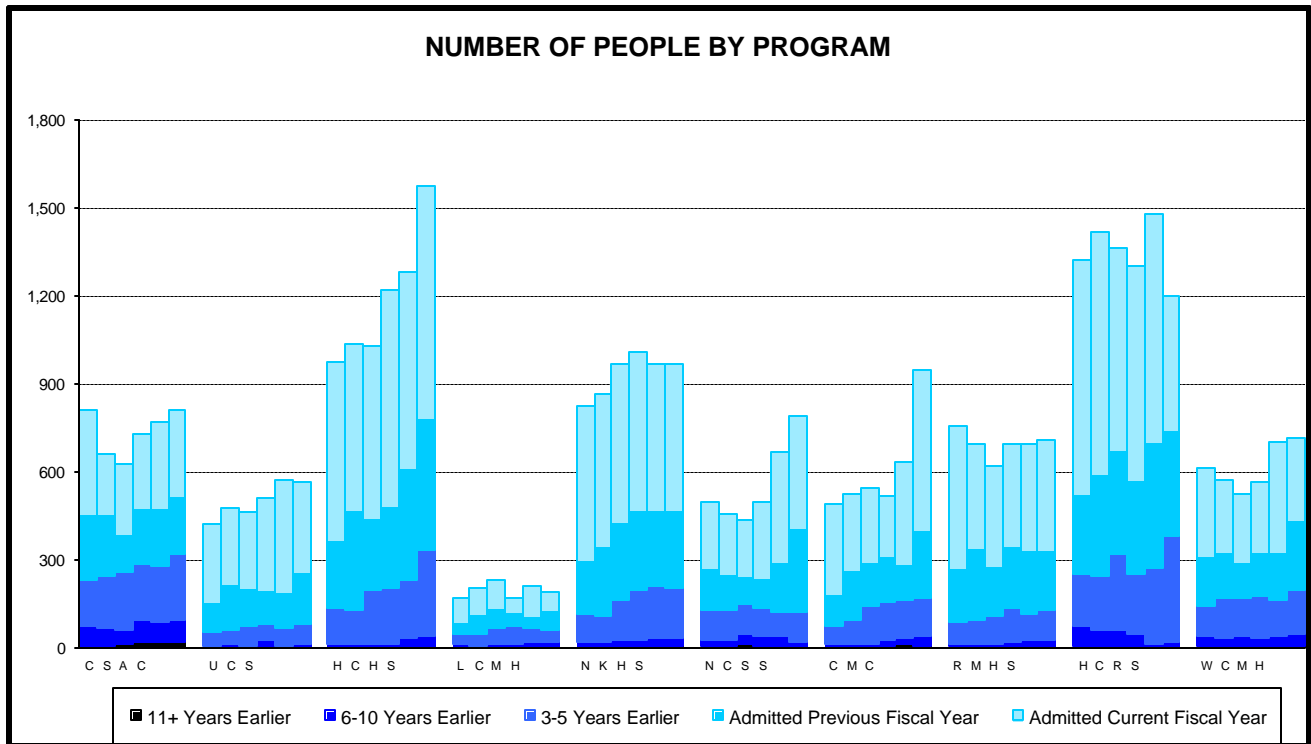
CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

TIME IN SERVICE FOR PEOPLE SERVED FY1996 - FY2001



Year	Admitted to Treatment										Total Reported
	Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3-5 Years Earlier		6-10 Years Earlier		11+ Years Earlier		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
2001	4,202	49%	2,435	28%	1,669	19%	309	4%	37	0%	8,652
2000	4,332	54%	2,054	25%	1,360	17%	288	4%	47	1%	8,081
1999	3,847	52%	1,802	25%	1,365	19%	289	4%	48	1%	7,351
1998	3,704	53%	1,692	24%	1,354	19%	266	4%	38	1%	7,054
1997	3,790	53%	1,991	28%	1,083	15%	238	3%	27	0%	7,129
1996	4,119	59%	1,625	23%	994	14%	258	4%	28	0%	7,024

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Region/Provider	Year	Admitted to Treatment										Total
		Current Fiscal Year		Previous Fiscal Year		3-5 Years Earlier		6-10 Years Earlier		11+ Years Earlier		Reported
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Addison - CSAC												
	2001	295	37%	193	24%	222	28%	77	10%	20	2%	807
	2000	300	39%	192	25%	191	25%	68	9%	17	2%	768
	1999	262	36%	185	25%	188	26%	79	11%	17	2%	731
	1998	246	39%	121	19%	197	31%	54	9%	10	2%	628
	1997	215	32%	205	31%	176	27%	59	9%	8	1%	663
	1996	362	45%	219	27%	159	20%	63	8%	8	1%	811
Bennington - UCS												
	2001	315	56%	170	30%	69	12%	11	2%	0	0%	565
	2000	388	68%	115	20%	59	10%	9	2%	0	0%	571
	1999	325	63%	110	21%	54	11%	21	4%	3	1%	513
	1998	267	58%	125	27%	63	14%	8	2%	0	0%	463
	1997	268	56%	148	31%	50	11%	10	2%	0	0%	476
	1996	270	64%	96	23%	49	12%	7	2%	0	0%	422
Chittenden - HCHS												
	2001	797	51%	446	28%	291	18%	41	3%	2	0%	1,577
	2000	677	53%	374	29%	199	16%	29	2%	2	0%	1,281
	1999	745	61%	273	22%	189	15%	12	1%	1	0%	1,220
	1998	594	58%	238	23%	180	18%	15	1%	0	0%	1,027
	1997	573	55%	329	32%	118	11%	13	1%	0	0%	1,033
	1996	619	63%	224	23%	119	12%	15	2%	0	0%	977
Lamoille - LCMHS												
	2001	68	36%	59	31%	44	23%	15	8%	2	1%	188
	2000	107	51%	32	15%	51	24%	17	8%	2	1%	209
	1999	52	31%	45	27%	61	36%	11	7%	0	0%	169
	1998	104	45%	57	25%	54	23%	14	6%	1	0%	230
	1997	97	48%	58	29%	39	19%	9	4%	0	0%	203
	1996	89	52%	38	22%	33	19%	11	6%	0	0%	171
Northeast - NKHS												
	2001	499	52%	260	27%	174	18%	29	3%	3	0%	965
	2000	508	52%	254	26%	177	18%	29	3%	2	0%	970
	1999	542	54%	267	27%	170	17%	26	3%	0	0%	1,005
	1998	545	56%	261	27%	134	14%	26	3%	1	0%	967
	1997	526	61%	233	27%	87	10%	21	2%	0	0%	867
	1996	530	64%	177	22%	97	12%	18	2%	1	0%	823

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		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Northwest - NCSS												
	2001	389	49%	278	35%	104	13%	15	2%	2	0%	788
	2000	384	58%	158	24%	84	13%	34	5%	7	1%	667
	1999	263	53%	98	20%	95	19%	30	6%	8	2%	494
	1998	201	46%	86	20%	102	23%	36	8%	11	3%	436
	1997	212	47%	112	25%	106	23%	16	4%	9	2%	455
	1996	231	47%	131	27%	107	22%	18	4%	7	1%	494
Orange - CMC												
	2001	550	58%	223	24%	131	14%	36	4%	4	0%	944
	2000	356	56%	118	19%	126	20%	24	4%	12	2%	636
	1999	218	42%	147	28%	130	25%	17	3%	9	2%	521
	1998	258	48%	146	27%	125	23%	13	2%	1	0%	543
	1997	268	51%	165	31%	82	16%	9	2%	1	0%	525
	1996	312	64%	107	22%	61	12%	9	2%	1	0%	490
Rutland -RMHS												
	2001	387	54%	193	27%	107	15%	23	3%	1	0%	711
	2000	372	53%	212	30%	85	12%	24	3%	3	0%	696
	1999	358	51%	205	29%	114	16%	18	3%	1	0%	696
	1998	350	56%	167	27%	93	15%	10	2%	2	0%	622
	1997	362	52%	235	34%	84	12%	10	1%	3	0%	694
	1996	488	65%	180	24%	73	10%	10	1%	3	0%	754
Southeast - HCRS												
	2001	467	39%	353	29%	366	30%	16	1%	0	0%	1,202
	2000	780	53%	428	29%	256	17%	13	1%	0	0%	1,477
	1999	737	57%	313	24%	205	16%	40	3%	6	0%	1,301
	1998	691	51%	347	26%	260	19%	55	4%	7	1%	1,360
	1997	835	59%	339	24%	184	13%	59	4%	3	0%	1,420
	1996	810	61%	266	20%	175	13%	68	5%	5	0%	1,324
Washington - WCMH												
	2001	285	40%	235	33%	147	21%	46	6%	3	0%	716
	2000	384	55%	153	22%	122	17%	40	6%	2	0%	701
	1999	247	44%	141	25%	140	25%	34	6%	2	0%	564
	1998	238	45%	118	22%	130	25%	34	6%	5	1%	525
	1997	249	44%	151	26%	137	24%	30	5%	3	1%	570
	1996	304	50%	160	26%	108	18%	34	6%	3	0%	609